

# **Baraboo Economic Development Commission**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **December 5, 2019**

#### **I. Call to Meeting to Order and Note Compliance with Open Meeting Law**

Chair John Alt called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Baraboo Municipal Building, room 205, 101 South Blvd., Baraboo, WI. The meeting was noticed in conformance with Wisconsin State Statutes regarding open meetings.

#### **II. Roll Call**

Present: Alt, Bowers (5:35), Ayar, Caflisch, Johnson, Mueller, Palm, Reppen, Ryan, Taylor, Wastlund, White

Absent: Walczak

Other: Kenney Downing, Patrick Cannon

#### **III. Approve Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

Taylor (1); Johnson (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

#### **IV. Approve Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes for October 3, 2019

Palm (1); Taylor (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

#### **V. Public Comment**

Mayor Palm introduced Ms. Kenney Downing. Ms. Downing is the new City Administrator.

#### **VI. Old Business**

##### **a. Updates on Development Activities**

- Mayor Palm updated on the following:
  - Paving has been completed on the City Street projects for 2019
  - The Plan Commission is looking at a zoning change for Neighborhood Zoning
  - A summary of the 2020 budget highlights was provided
  - Jason Kent will be serving as the new Alder for District #6
- Ms. Mueller indicated that the School District has added 9.5 new positions
- Ms. Ryan indicated that Powered up has created a new web site and over 60 people attended their launch
- Dr. Ayar indicated that the University will be offering two new Masters Programs
- Ms. Caflisch indicated that the Chamber has passed their 2020 budget and they are looking at holding and Oktoberfest in the fall
- Mr. Taylor indicated that the Classic Club feed over 500 meals
- Mr. White updated the group on the following
  - Annual Fall Forum
  - SCDC is working with the county on housing issues
  - The Innovation Group meeting was cancelled due to low registrations
- Mr. Bowers indicated that the Village has passed their 2020 budget with no one attending the meeting
- Mr. Johnson indicated that dairy prices are up.
- Mr. Reppen indicated that Servo is doing well and in need of employees. The County has also passed their 2020 budget

- Ms. Wastlund indicated that the CDA held its annual meeting and elected new officers for 2020

**VII. New Business**

**a. Establishing 2020 Goals for BEDC**

The Board noted that previous goals included:

- River Trail Way
- Four Lane Highway
- Workforce Housing

Members were asked to think of future goals and that a Strategic Planning session should be held.

**b. Consideration and discussion of changing the January 2020 meeting date**

It was noted that the January meeting is scheduled to be held on January 2, 2020. After discussion of potential new dates, it was decided to not change the date.

**VII. Update Partner Presentation Schedule**

Mr. Bowers indicated that he will be looking to hold a meeting at Glacier Rock in February.

**VIII. Commissioner and City Staff comments**

No additional comments were provided.

**IX. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:01 pm.

Palm (1); Caflisch (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

John Alt  
Chairperson

Patrick Cannon  
Recorder